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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SUMMIT MEETING.

1. DURING OUR MEETING TODAY (JULY 21) KCIA DIRECTOR KIM JAE-KYU RAISED WITH ME PROPOSAL FOR SUMMIT MEETING SOMETIME THIS YEAR IN HAWAII OR GUAM, ALONG LINES FOREIGN MINISTER HAD PREVIOUSLY TALKED TO ME. I DISCOURAGED HIM FROM BELIEVING THERE WAS ANY PROSPECT FOR MEETING THIS YEAR.

2. KIM HOWEVER PURSUED MATTER QUITE VIGOROUSLY, EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS OF COURSE TALKING ON PERSONAL BASIS WITHOUT PRESIDENT PARK'S CLEARANCE. HE STATED THAT SUMMIT MEETING WOULD PROVIDE CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO AGREE ON PACKAGE SOLUTION TO CURRENT US-KOREAN PROBLEMS AS WELL AS HAVE VISIBLE IMPACT ELSEWHERE IN ASIA. HE SUGGESTED FOUR POTENTIAL BENEFITS FROM MEETING, NAMELY REASSURANCE TO ASIAN COUNTRIES CONCERNED ABOUT U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL, CONCLUSION OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND SOLUTION OF BOTH HUMAN RIGHTS AND U.S. INVESTIGATIONS PROBLEMS. I POINTED OUT THAT THE FIRST TWO OF THESE PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT SUMMIT MEETING AND WE HOPED TO DO SO AT SCM. WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS

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AND U.S. INVESTIGATIONS, I SUGGESTED THAT SUMMIT MEETING COULD BE FACILITATED BY PRIOR SOLUTION OF BOTH OF THESE QUESTIONS. HE PERSISTED IN VIEW THESE TWO PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED ONLY WITH SUMMIT MEETING.

3. COMMENT: IN THIS CAT AND MOUSE GAME, I SUSPECT THAT KIM WAS OFFERING BAIT OF FAVORABLE ACTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

AND HELP ON CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS TO BARGAIN FOR
SUMMIT MEETING WHICH WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY REDOUND TO PARK'S
PRESTIGE. I OFFERED NO ENCOURAGEMENT ON PROSPECTS, BUT
KIM PRESSED ME TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY DURING
MY FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.
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